Gear Up! Guided Reading Overview

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Grade Level   P1 - Kindergarten
                         P2 - 1st Grade
                         P3 - 2nd Grade

Readability Level

Course / Content   Reading

List Price: 27.04

Wholesale Price   20.280000000000001

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Content   Content: The Gear Up! Guiding Reading Program Overview includes all the essential information needed to use the Gear Up! guided reading program. Teachers will find references to a strong research base that supports the components of guided reading. The program overview also explains the guided reading process, how to get ready for guided reading, and using both fiction and nonfiction text. Teachers will learn about five reading lesson formats that scaffold the instructional needs of students and how to conduct reading assessments to inform instruction and place students in instructionally appropriate groups. The overview also includes a skills trace for all titles in the Gear Up! series.

Student Experiences

Assessment   Assessment: Program Overview introduces the guided reading process and offers suggestions for getting your classroom ready, conducting reading assessments to inform instruction, and placing students into the appropriate guided reading groups.

Organization   Organization: The Gear Up! Guided Reading Program Overview is a comprehensive booklet that introduces the guided reading process and offers suggestions for getting your classroom ready, conducting reading assessment to inform instruction, and placing students into the appropriate guided reading groups.

Resource Materials   Resource Materials:
                         Gear Up! Guided Reading Program Overview provides the detail for guided reading processes.

Gratis Items to be provided and under what conditions   N/A

Available Ancillary Materials

Research Data and Evidence of Effectiveness

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Research Available   YES - provide information below

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Overall Strength and/or Weaknesses

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Recommendations: This material was evaluated as part of the complete Gear Up set of guided reading materials. It is recommended that this program be included on the Kentucky State Textbook Adoption List.

Summary Form

I.   Technology Component Summary   1.000.00
       The DVD that is included in each Gear Up kit explains the guided reading program and can be used as a tutorial for teachers.
       No evidence of technology component built into this program for students found.

II.   Reading Content Summary   2
       This program provides developmentally appropriate reading skill development.

III.   Writing Content Summary   1.44
       Good writing prompts given as extensions at the end of many reading lessons.
       This is a guided reading program that focuses on reading development. The writing process is not taught in this program.

IV.   Grammar and Spelling Content Summary   1.00
       Vocabulary skills are included in the lesson guides.
       This program does not directly contain grammar and spelling strategies.

V.   Listening /Speaking / Observing Content Summary   1.25
       Many opportunities included for students to listen, speak and observe during guided reading activities.

VI.   Inquiry Content Summary
       An inquiry component was not found in this guided reading program.

VII.   Technology Content Summary
       A DVD is included in each kit as a tutorial for teachers to use to learn about guided reading and how to use the Gear Up program.
       No student technology was available in this program. There were no references found in the lesson guides to technology connections.

VIII. Audience: Teacher Materials Content Summary   1.70

READING CONTENT

Good selection of different genres.
Reflective questioning is included in each lesson plan.
Questioning suggestions address this.
Lesson plans offer suggestions of activities to develop phonological awareness.
Lesson plans offer suggestions for phonics activities, high frequency words, suffices, etc.
Lesson plans offer suggestions for extensive vocabulary study.
Lesson plans offer suggestions for a variety of comprehension questioning activities.
Good selection of different genres.
Developmentally appropriate materials.

WRITING CONTENT

Different types of writing prompts are used at the end of many guided reading activities in an attempt to make meaningful connections from the reading experience to the writing experience.
Media technology not included.
Emphasis is on oral and written language.

GRAMMAR AND SPELLING

THIS IS A GUIDED READING PROGRAM THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE SPECIFIC GRAMMAR INSTRUCTION.

LISTENING / SPEAKING / OBSERVING

NO DIRECT INQUIRY SKILLS TAUGHT OR INQUIRY ACTIVITIES LISTED AT THE PRIMARY LEVEL.
THERE ARE CONNECTIONS MADE BETWEEN INFORMATION LEARNED FROM READING THE NONFICTION TEXTS TO WRITING AND SHARING ACTIVITIES.
WRITING RESPONSES AFTER READING STORIES ALLOW STUDENTS OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE WRITING WITH PEERS. MANY OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS PROGRAM FOR LISTENING, SPEAKING AND OBSERVING.

INQUIRY

INQUIRY SKILLS ARE NOT TAUGHT AND INQUIRY TASKS ARE NOT DISCUSSED IN THIS GUIDED READING PROGRAM AT THE PRIMARY LEVEL.

TECHNOLOGY CONTENT

THE DVD INCLUDED IN THIS KIT IS FOR TEACHER USE. THERE IS NO STUDENT TECHNOLOGY COMPONENT INCLUDED IN THIS KIT.
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THERE IS NO TECHNOLOGY COMPONENT FOR STUDENT USE.

AUDIENCE: TEACHER MATERIALS

AUDIENCE: STUDENT MATERIALS

FORMAT

ANCILLARY MATERIALS